



Do you have your NPI? National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) will be required on claims sent on or after May 23, 2007. Every health care provider needs to get an NPI. Learn more about the NPI and how to apply for an NPI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/> on the CMS web site.

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Institutional Value Code Changes

Provider Types Affected

Providers who bill fiscal intermediaries (FI), Part A/B Medicare Administrative Contractors (A/B MACs), or regional home health intermediaries (RHHIs) for Medicare services.

What You Need to Know

Value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, and C7 are now restricted to use only in paper claims, and are no longer available for use on X12N 837 institutional claim transactions.

Background

The National Uniform Billing Committee (NUBC) has restricted the use of value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, and C7 to paper claims only. These value codes are no longer available for use on X12N 837 institutional claim transactions.

Your Medicare FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC will create edits to restrict the use of these value codes to paper claims, and to not allow their use on direct data entry claims. Further, Medicare will ensure that any paper claim data from value codes A1, A2, A7, B1, B2, B7, C1, C2, or C7 are migrated to the appropriate X12N 837 2320 Claim Level Adjustment (CAS) segment (claim adjustment reason code "PR") for coordination of benefits files.

Additional Information

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You can find the official instruction, CR 5411, issued to your FI, A/B MAC, or RHHI by visiting <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R2610TN.pdf> on the CMS website

If you have any questions, please contact your FI, RHHI, or A/B MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip> on the CMS site.

Flu Shot Reminder

It's Not Too Late to Get the Flu Shot. We are in the midst of flu season and a flu vaccine is still the best way to prevent infection and the complications associated with the flu. But re-vaccination is necessary each year because the flu viruses change each year. Encourage your Medicare patients who haven't already done so to get their annual flu shot and don't forget to immunize yourself and your staff. **Protect yourself, your patients, and your family and friends. Get Your Flu Shot. It's Not Too Late!** Remember - Influenza vaccination is a covered Part B benefit. Note that influenza vaccine is NOT a Part D covered drug. For more information about Medicare's coverage of adult immunizations and educational resources, go to CMS's website: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0667.pdf> .

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